

## FOREVER IN YOUR FAVOR

The Hunger Games struck big at the box office on opening weekend, and our Managing Editor Taylor Griffin gives her opinion in her featured column "Buffalo Chips".

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### DERBY GIRLS OF JACKSONVILLE

Few people know about the sport of roller derby, but from what our sources gathered, it's an attraction worth seeing.

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## STUDENTS VENTURE TO AID COSTA RICA



Courtesy Photos

### TJC and UT-Tyler hope to make a difference

By Crystal Jaquez  
Student-Life Editor

Young college students from Tyler will wake up in a hotel surrounded by the deep green and wild animal sounds of the rain forest before embarking on a grand adventure in Costa Rica.

Students from Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler will head to Costa Rica this May to serve the people and have a once in a lifetime experience.

"We always gain more than we put out," said John Hays, Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages. "It's a given, we take trinkets comparatively speaking. We always live and learn more than we leave."

There are 16 students from TJC and UT-Tyler going on the annual trip and many of them are nursing students. They will be doing their service project, guided by the Peace Corp., at a high school in Dos Rios in the province of Guanacaste.

The service project will take place during the first four days of the trip and will consist of health seminars, known as "charlas" to the people in Costa Rica, actually held by the students.

"The seminars will be about first aid," said Hays, "We

will also talk about family health. We are going to talk about things that are in general non-intrusive."

In addition to these seminars, there will be interviews and basic health assessments. Students will bring old stethoscopes and leave them behind. Each student has been asked to bring a first aid kit to leave at the high school as well.

"On the last day, that is the fourth day, we will have a big barbecue and say goodbye," said Hays.

The trip is a total of 10 days and the last six days will be the exploration of the island. They will stay in nice hotels and sight see, even scuba dive in the Caribbean.

"We will also go meet with the country director of the Peace Corp, Steven Dorsey, and have an afternoon reception in San Jose, the capital, and then the next day

we leave" said Hays.

Anyone can go on the trip to Costa Rica as long as they register before the deadlines, but the trip fills fast.

"The trick is to get in early once we do our initial advertising in September," said Hays.

The deadlines for the 2012 trip are past, however, it is not too late to get in for the trip in 2013.

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-John Hays  
Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, TJC

## A faster way to a Bachelor's degree

### SFA creates social work courses available to TJC students

By Kevin Ngo  
News Editor

Tyler Junior College and Stephen F. Austin State University are working out an agreement to have a social work program on TJC's campus, in the fall of 2012.

An articulation agreement was made between TJC and SFA to offer students an opportunity to take courses at TJC that leads to a bachelor's of social work degree, said Stephanie Lassanske, professor in social work/sociology. An articulation agreement outlines the courses that may be taken as a TJC student to transfer in to BSW program at SFA.

"If student enrollment is sufficient, SFA also offers many of their junior and senior level social work courses on the campus," Lassanske said.

One of the big amenities that the social work program is offering is that it will be held at TJC. This will pay a favor for students, who want to be a part of the program but are not able to move to Nacodoches.

In the School of Social Work BSW Program/Tyler Junior College Partnership indicates students completing their field placements (Social Work Practicum) will attend a field instruction seminar one day per week at SFA during the semester.

Lassanske said, "since SFA social work courses are taught on the TJC campus, TJC offers as much support as possible to students that will enhance their opportunities for academic success."

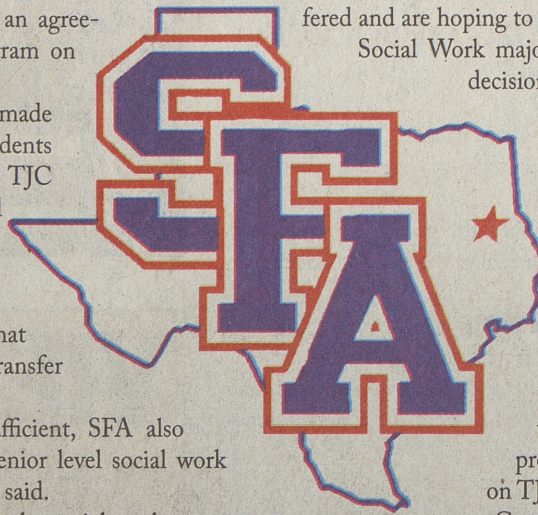
Some students are excited about the program being offered and are hoping to make a difference.

Social Work major Cacy Legnion said, "My initial decision was made from wanting to get involved in a community that needed help. I'm hoping to get into the probation, which is an area that desperately needs dedicated men and women."

BSW Director, Dr. Sam Copeland said students will be taught on the TJC campus by SFA instructors. "This program gives students the opportunity to transition over to the BSW work program and take higher level courses on TJC campus," said Copeland.

Copeland also said that it's no surprise that junior colleges and universities have these sort of affiliations, because students want to further their education after they receive their associates degree and this program does exactly that.

For additional information, contact Dr. Sam Copeland at socialwork@sfasu.edu or Stephanie Lassanske at slas@tjc.edu.



### SPECIAL feature

## A glass half full

### Alix continues to smile despite heart condition



By Belen Casillas  
Staff-Writer

TJC's leadership class, led by Don Blaine, has raised a total of \$15,685.20 to help a fellow student, Alix Valdez, who is desperately in need of a new heart transplant.

With the guidance of Business Management Professor Don Blaine, the class felt the need to save a life and immediately got to work by placing boxes for donations in the library, bookstore, and all around campus. If that weren't enough, these students partnered with the restaurant Mercado's for a promotion and also sold snow cones and brisket sandwiches outside of Rogers Student Center.

"They poured their hearts out into this," said Clinton Pruitt, a sophomore student majoring in Business Management, "This is a life, this is a person, this is somebody we need to help save."

Alix was diagnosed with a threatening heart disease known as Restrictive Cardiomyopathy, where the heart is unable to relax as blood returns from the body back into the heart, effecting the lungs, liver, and other body systems, according to PubMed Health.

"I don't think anyone would have anything if they couldn't handle it," said Alix, as she leaned forward with a smile.

It is evident that she has impacted the lives of others who are involved in this mission. Her will to survive and strong spirit is felt by many people she crosses paths with, and there is scarce doubt that Alix will make an even greater impact in the future as she pursues the career of being a nurse herself. She is driven to reach her highest potential, but the need for a heart transplant is still her primary focus.

Her family and close friends are by her side and have also been key motivational figures for the leadership class. Even though the semester is over, they are still working to help save her life.

"After meeting her and her family..." said Pruitt, "I was truly touched with the fact that this wasn't a family who was trying to get a free ride. They had an honest need."

Because of the class contribution and dedication, Alix is now closer than ever to reaching the \$65,000 goal towards receiving a new heart.

"They haven't stopped. The class is over and their grades are in, but they are continuing to work and collect money. They have done an excellent job, I'm super proud of them," said Blaine.

The leadership class has an account open for donations to Alix at the register office since she is currently still in a waiting list to receive a new heart.

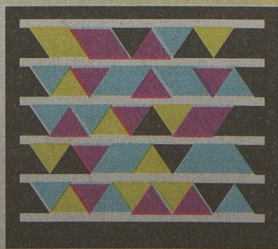
For more information on how to get involved as well as future events to help Alix, contact Don Blaine at (903) 510-2595 or dbla@tjc.edu.

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## column

## Politicians playing politics



By Adam Peterson  
Editor-In-Chief

One of these days, we will incorporate the battle royal platform from the Hunger Games into a full-fledged unfathomable, blood orgy free-for-all between our country's politicians. Oh...my...Gawd, how magnanimously awesome was that movie? Sorry I'm losing my focus; this column has nothing to do with the Hunger Games...maybe next time.

Now that my newborn obsession with Katniss Everdeen is somewhat out of the way, I would like to propose a small piece of legislation, seeing as how all of our nation's "leaders" have been so entranced with election season that they have neglected their congressional duties for the better part of 2011 and nearly all of 2012. My proposal? Limit the United States Presidential election to 60 days. If politicians can't get out what they need to say in two months, then I don't have any faith in them to accomplish much in four years. Another question: why is it called "Election Season" when occupant

politicians spend the last year and a half of their terms campaigning?

Don't get me wrong: I'm all for democracy and holding elections, but in the amount of time it takes to have one, politicians could be tackling more important problems such as the insanity brewing in the Middle East right now. Has anybody been paying attention to that at all? Taliban insurgents are claiming that their rivers will run with the blood of the Americans and we're just yapping away over how racist that country hillbilly is who shot Treyvon Matthews. Yeah, it sucks that he was killed, but its over, quit squabbling over the details because in the end, nobody will ever know what really happened except for Treyvon and Zimmerman, and for politicians: quit trying to use this mishap as political ammo to portray yourself as someone who cares. If you really do care, extend your condolences without informing the media first, eh...Obama.

It has reached a point where political parties are afraid to propose any legislation prior to an election for fear that the outcome of their proposals may result in the loss of their seat in Congress. I'm still waiting for the day when a politician steps in and decides to do what he truly believes is best for his country instead of what's best for his political party.

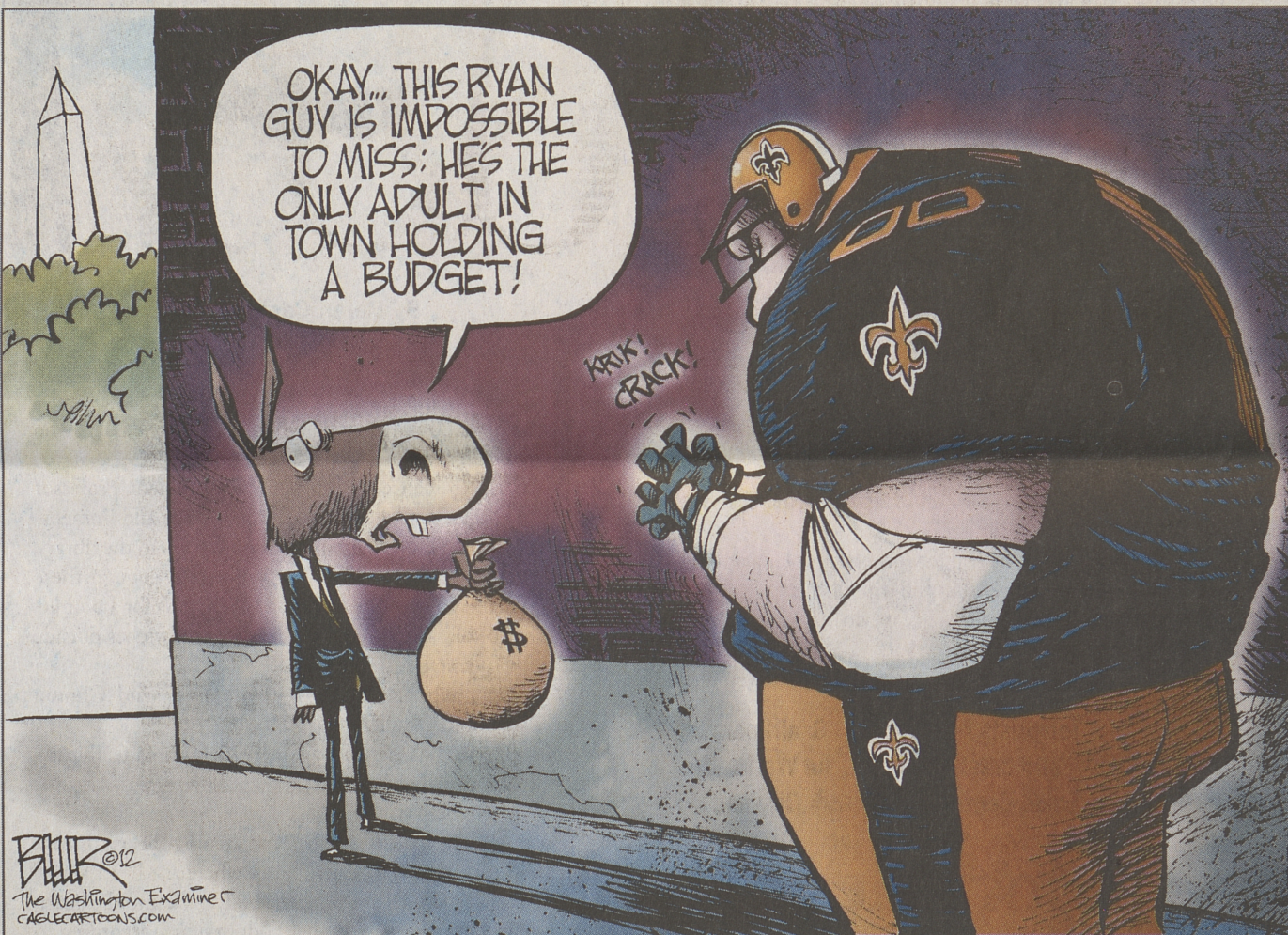
To me, the American presidency has become little more than a glorified game of King of the Hill. One party fights and does whatever is necessary to gain the Presidency and a majority in either the House or the

Senate, and then they spend the majority of their time in office trying to hold on to it or pass it off to someone of the same political ideology.

It makes me wonder: why do people even pursue political careers if their agenda revolves around the epicenter of political campaigning instead of changing the world for the betterment of Americans?

Recently Obama was recorded (unknownst to him) in a conversation with the Russian President Dmitri Medvedev regarding the controversial topic of missile defense informing Medvedev that he would more effectively address the situation after his election saying: "This is my last election. After my election, I have more flexibility." Funny thing is, his actions have been reflecting this quote ever since the debt-ceiling crisis that took place in the summer of 2011.

I understand that I can't strictly bash Obama for playing politics instead of governing the U.S., I'm sure there are some guilty Republicans out there as well, but this "me first, country later" attitude that our politicians have adopted does not exemplify professional leadership at all, and if our politicians are adamant in adopting this ideology, then they should at least couple it with the "do as I say, not as I do" philosophy. Hopefully, then our younger generation of aspiring politicians will be more motivated than their predecessors to get the United States of America back to its former glory and out of range of China's pimp-hand.



## editorial

## What about the First Amendment?

### Colleges and businesses infringing upon the freedom of speech

Freedom of speech: it is one of American's most basic rights as citizens. Whether it is the ability to say what you want in public or assert an idea without fear of being persecuted, we certainly enjoy it much more than we appreciate it.

From this very paper to Facebook and Twitter, college students particularly are immersed so deep in communication and the ability to express their opinion. It is such a privilege to have this ability. However, when does it become too much?

Colleges and universities have wrestled with the fairly new concept of monitoring students' activity on Facebook, Twitter, and other social networks. If the institution found something they considered inappropriate on a student's page, they punish them on different levels of discipline, including expulsion.

Countless reports on the news have shown the controversies on all extremes dealing with this issue. Lawsuits, court cases, and hurt feelings have resulted on numerous occasions.

Censorship is not a new fad that has miraculously appeared in society, but since some ignorant students post inappropriate stuff on their Facebook wall, schools feel the need to speak up.

The great author Mark Twain explained it best: "Censorship is telling a man he can't have a steak just because a baby can't chew it."

Just because a school says something is wrong or immoral on a student's page does not mean they have the right to do anything about it.

Since when did it become ok for an institution to dictate what a student should or should not say? Truly, the only tie a college, university, or even a high school has to its students is their money. Otherwise, with the exception of a few teachers of course, a school could not care whether or not you succeed.

Certainly, a person should not abuse their privileges on these websites. There is nothing more annoying than seeing a friend's drunken photos from last night or unnecessarily raunchy statuses to clutter up one's newsfeed.

Institutions have absolutely no business snooping on their students in that way, public or not. It is none of their concern and should be left up to the student to make the choice whether to post or not to post.

## TJCComments

## We care what you think...

Comment regarding issue 9's opinion column: "Life Lessons Suck."

Kudos to the Editor-In-Chief for his excellent expose and down to earth advice. It was humorous, witty and oh so practical. Very well written Adam! (and thanks for keeping the profanity out of it... :))

Sincerely,  
Dr. Eijsink, TJC Clinic

Do you think businesses and schools should be able to regulate what you put on your Facebook or Twitter page?



LAMAR MCKINNEY  
BIOLOGY MAJOR

"No, I do not believe they should regulate what's on your Twitter or Facebook page. I feel like that's your life and what you put on your Twitter or Facebook has nothing to do with the school and you should be able to put whatever you want on your Facebook or Twitter page."



LAURA JUDIE  
PRE-LAW MAJOR

"I don't think its fair. I mean, it's social media you can do what you want."

## POLL QUESTION

DO YOU THINK POLITICIANS TEND TO DIVERT THEIR ATTENTION FROM NATIONAL ISSUES DURING ELECTION TIME?

## RESULTS OF PREVIOUS POLL

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT CERTAIN BUSINESSES FOCUS THEIR ATTENTIONS MORE ON COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNGER PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK OF EXPERIENCE?

Yes ☐ 42%

No ☐ 58%

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# The New Millenium



By Augusta Robinson  
85th Anniversary Editor

There are often few events that affect an entire decade. The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America is one of those events and not only did it impact New York and Washington, D.C, but the nation and furthermore Tyler Junior College.

Arlene Mendez was a social work major at TJC and can recall what she was doing when the tragedy occurred.

"I thought it was a movie when I saw it on television," Mendez said in the Nov. 27 edition of the Apache Pow Wow. "Then I got sick at my stomach. It's sad."

Then Apache Pow Wow Editor-in-Chief Kenneth Dean attended TJC from 2000-2002 and remembers where he was and the mood of the campus that day.

"I was actually on campus when the first plane hit and actually at the Tyler Paper doing an internship when the second plane hit," Dean said. "The mood of the campus is the same as the entire nation, utter shock."

The Sept .11 attacks were a tough event for many to experience and TJC along with the Tyler community responded with a great amount of patriotism. American flags decorated the walls of the Dean's Office in Jenkins Hall, the Smith County Office Building downtown put up both the U.S and Texas flag that hung over the city, and some even painted U.S. flags on their cars.

The year 2001 also brought about another national controversy that affected TJC. The mailing of anthrax to several U.S citizens caused TJC mail sorters to have to wear protective mask and gloves each

morning before they sorted mail.

Just as the earl 2000's were a time of reconstruction for many Americans Dean came to TJC in his 30's after working his previous job for 15 years. He can also recall the lengthy measurements he and his newspaper staff on the Apache Pow Wow had to undergo to put out the paper.

"Back then we had to do every thing by hand," Dean said.

Dean also said that they didn't layout pages on computers and that he often had to drive to Lindale to print and pick up the paper. The paper is currently printed in Tyler and layout is done on computers.

The 2000s brought three different elections and the 2008 election was widely thought of as being one of the important ones in years. The campaign trail led to Tyler, and former U.S President Bill Clinton came to TJC to campaign for his

wife, Hillary Clinton. It was a part of a five-city East Texas campaigning tour.

The event attracted over 500 people inside of the Rogers students center alone. During his speech, he told the audience the advantages of voting for Hillary Clinton.

"If you elect Hillary president she would restore standing further by sending a different message to the world," Clinton said.

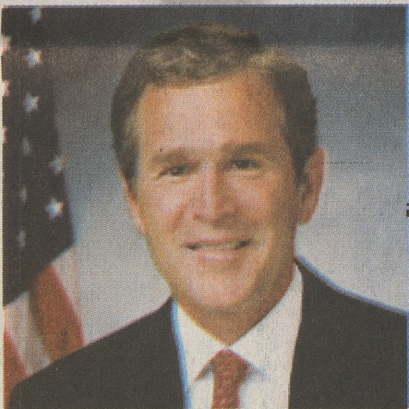
The 2000's brought several national issues to the doorsteps of TJC, however TJC students persevered and still have good memories of their TJC experience today.

"My best times at TJC definitely had to be my time as an Apache Belle," Kristi Boyett, 1999-2001 journalism major said, "I was an Apache Belle and we actually went to New York in 2001. It was really nice to see New York before Sept. 11."

Photo Illustrations by Augusta Robinson

## 2000-2009

2000



George W. Bush is elected president after a tight race with Al Gore

2001



Terrorists hijack four U.S. airliners and crash them into the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon

2003



Space shuttle Columbia explodes upon reentry to earth

2005



Hurricane Karina strikes the Gulf Coast, flooding the city of New Orleans

2007



The iPhone was launched and is still popular

2008



Barack Obama elected the first African-American President in U.S. history

### Clinton campaign trail makes stop at TJC

By Cody Lillich  
News Editor

Over 500 people crowded door-to-door in the Rooms of the Rogers Student Center with signs, shirts, and as all to see former President Clinton.

Clinton was in Tyler as a part of a five-city East Texas tour campaigning for his wife, presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

The diverse crowd lined up to hear the former president speak and to hear more about his wife, Hillary Clinton, who is running for the U.S. Senate in the March 4th Primary.

Clinton spoke about how he is pledging to help in many ways including finding better ways to help the college stu-

dents, a way to get out of Iraq, and help for our veterans.

"America should work the way this campus works," he said. "We are all bonded together regardless of race, gender, age, income. We're all working together."

Clinton said he is not against any of the other candidates.

"I am not against anybody... I have liked all these candidates, even those who have dropped out," Clinton said.

Clinton is not a stranger to Tyler and East Texas, referring to what he called one of his greatest rallies held on the TJC campus back in 1992. Now in 2008, Clinton is trying to get more Texas voters to show up at the polls for the March 4th Primary.

"Texas and Ohio will determine the next president," Clinton said. "This has been an amazing election because of the enormous

turnout for everybody. Texas is always unique, and usually it is good."

Clinton explained the importance of the unique Texas primary system to get voters to not only vote in the primaries to elect the two-thirds of the delegates up for grabs, but to also vote in the caucuses held after the polls close to elect the other one-third of delegates available.

"Take advantage of this uniquely Texas opportunity and the only time in your life you can legally vote twice in one election," said Clinton.

Clinton urged the crowd to head to the polls to see solutions in issues that face our country.

"We've got an economic problem, a health care problem, education problem and they all relate to a bigger problem, which is our country is growing more unequal

and the American dream is falling away," said Clinton.

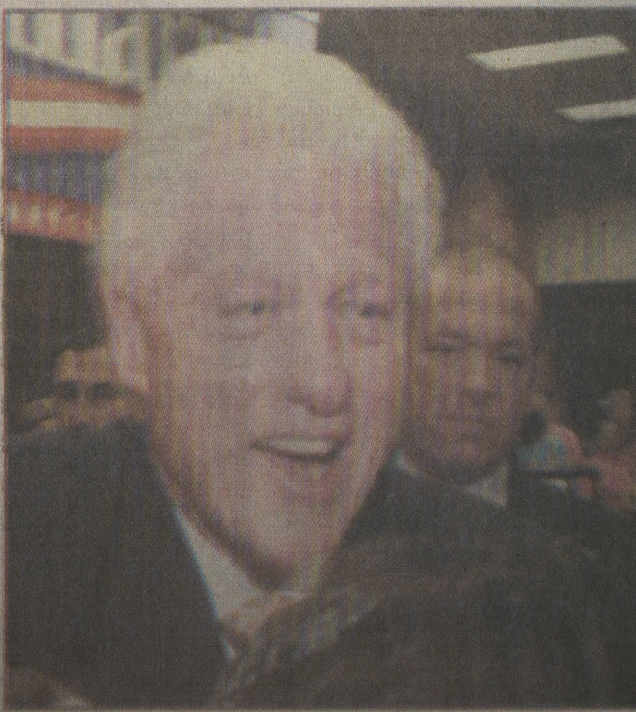
A topic on the minds of many in the crowd was the ongoing situation in Iraq. The former president said Hillary believes the nation needs to terminate our involvement in the ongoing military conflict in Iraq.

"We've got to do it because the Iraqis have got to get their act together. If they think we'll stay forever they'll never make the decisions they have to make," said Clinton. "We have to rebuild our military... This war has gone on longer than World War II."

Clinton also fired back on the Iraq issue at a comment from a member in the crowd.

"How do we leave without making it worse?" asked Clinton. "Cut and run!" shouted a man.

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PRESIDENTIAL SMILE Former President Bill Clinton greets TJC students and Tyler community members on the TJC campus on Friday, Sept. 15.



# Complications alter voting timelines

## Discrimination against minorities pushes election date to May 29

**Taylor Griffin**  
Managing Editor

TJC students who have registered to vote in Smith County may have to re-register because of redistricting complications in Texas.

"There are all kinds of nitty gritty decisions that have to be made before you put an election together," said Linda Krefting, vice president of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

The original election date was set for March 5 and was then changed to April 3. Now the date has yet again been moved to May 29, tentatively. According to Krefting, the legislature passed redistricting maps, including Texas, to establish fairness before elections could commence.

"Texas is one of the states because of a history of discrimination against minorities that needs to obtain clearance for all kinds of changes in elections," said Krefting.

The Washington D.C. court must rule on pre-clearance of the maps, and so far, the maps have not been satisfactory. As of now, the San Antonio court, which has dealt with the redistricting,

made interim maps that will be in effect for only this year.

From there, each county elections administrator must go through the county block-by-block to assert that each voter is in all of the right districts.

In late February, Tyler Junior

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-Linda Krefting  
Vice President, League of Women Voters of Texas

nior College Student Senate hosted a voter registration drive in Rogers Student Center, which encouraged students to take part in the presidential primary election as well as others in the area.

The primary election has since been changed to date that is after the end of the spring semester at TJC, and most out-of-town students will head home for the summer. However, many students, thinking the election would be during the semester, registered for Smith County instead of their hometown.

Krefting reassured students that if they are registered and wish to vote in Smith County while away in the summer, they must do a ballot by mail, which can be found on one of the websites below.

If the student chooses to change his or her registration back to their home address, he or she must also re-register online, also found below.

McKenzie Watkins, a freshman student from the Dallas area, registered to vote in Smith County and plans to keep her form the same.

"I didn't really even think about that [registering in a different county]," she said. "I realize it probably couldn't have been helped, but I'll be spending more time here in Tyler this summer than I will back home. I guess, in my case, it sort of worked out."

Dee Brock of the Tyler chapter of the League of Women Voters said she was pleased with the turnout for the voter registration drive but said that re-registering or voting by other means

### VOTER REGISTRATION INFO

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Texas Primary Elections: May 29  
Last day to register to vote: April 30  
Early voting: May 14-25  
Run-off date (if needed): July 31

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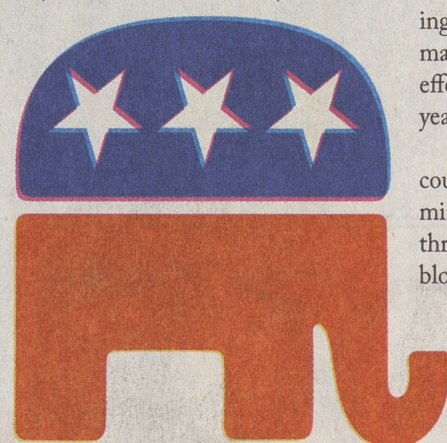
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**The first day to apply for a ballot by mail for the May 29 election is March 30, and the application must be received by May 22.**

is not a problem. Because of the large turnout from students, she hopes that TJC will continue this event in the future along side the League of Women Voters.

Krefting has faith that the process will certainly follow through but expressed frustration that is shared by other election committees and voters alike.

"We're all better off if we get to the bloody election already," she said.



# Colleagues receive recognition to the arts

**Augusta Robinson**  
85th Anniversary Editor

Some artists spend their lives contributing to the arts without receiving any recognition. However, Dr. Cheryl Rogers, Tyler Junior College executive director of institutional effectiveness, and Derrick White, art professor, are both being recognized for their contributions to the arts.

Dr. Rogers will be receiving this year's Arts in Education Award given by Young Audiences of Northeast Texas for lifetime achievement on April 17 at Hollytree Country Club. White is one of 109 Texas artists selected as finalists for the 2012 Hunting Art Prize. The winner of the Hunting Art prize will be announced at the Hunting Art Prize gala April 28 in Houston and will receive \$50,000.

For Dr. Rogers after being involved in the music department at TJC for about 32 years, receiving this recognition has made her very appreciative.

"It's very humbling. I think any time you are honored this way, the first think you think is well, I am not worthy," Dr. Roger said. "It's nice to know that someone has recognized that may-

be you made a difference in students' lives."

White is also appreciative of being recognized for his piece entitled "Revisited" and believes that his being nominated is a testament to not giving up on his goal of being a finalist.

"I've entered this ever since I found out about the competition and leading up to this one year of making it and being a finalist, I've got five rejection letters in a file folder somewhere," White said. "Even though I have been rejected or not made the cut to be a finalist for five years in a row, I continued to enter and I encourage students to do that all the time."

Dr. Rogers hopes that through her career, she has influenced people to explore the arts more.

"My hope is that somewhere along the way I convinced this person to say 'I would like to go teach music' or 'I would like to be in this field,'" Rogers said.

White also hopes that he has inspired and is excited about the recognition that comes with being a nominee for the Hunting Art prize.

"I am excited about being a finalist because there is a lot of recognition



Photo by Augusta Robinson

**RECOGNITION:** Cheryl Rogers can be seen above in her office at TJC. Rogers has just recently become the recipient of various different art recognitions.

that goes along with that," White said. "It's a very coveted award in the art world. It's the biggest cash award that I know of in terms of the size of the amount of money."

While White has credited his recognition to persistence and not giving up on his goal of being nominated for the Hunting Art Prize, Dr. Rogers credits her award as a product of being in the business for more than three

decades. Dr. Rogers believes her career has allowed her to gain experiences including being in the first musical held at TJC and conducting a concert with the TJC A Capella Choir and the Vienna Boys Choir in Vienna, Austria.

"Part of that [being honored] is being in the business a long time and being in the right place at the right

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# News In Brief

## CAMPUS

### NATIONAL MATH MONTH

April is National Math Month. To celebrate, the mathematics department has invited Dr. Debbie Koslover to speak about the Fibonacci Sequence. This is a fun talk about the math all around us and is accessible to everyone. It will take place on Thursday, April 3. From 6-6:45 pm. In the Apache Rooms 3 & 4.

### CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The TJC Art Club is again conducting a Can Food Drive to benefit those in need living in our area. Donation may be dropped in the Jenkins Hall Art Department Lobby or pick-ups may be scheduled by contacting Derrick White at (903) 510-2233. Participation will be greatly appreciated.

# Proposed building could affect student parking

**Colton Townley**  
Staff Writer

If the new Allied Health Nursing Building bond issue is passed by the TJC taxing district in a bond election in May, it would impact the campus in multiple ways.

Along with the change to the nursing and health science-related students, who will personally be taking classes within the building, students outside of the those programs will also be effected.

From new programs and altering locations of classes, to additional and modified parking, any TJC student is likely to feel the effect of the new building in some ways.

One of the primary concerns subtly being shared among students around campus is the parking, which is already considered a slight hassle to students and worsens due to the new building.

"Even though I'm excited about

the new health building and everything it could offer," said Thomas Boroughs, freshman, "I'm scared that it's going to make parking even more of an issue than it already is."

Fortunately, President Mike Metke was quick to explain that it should not have a negative effect on parking. He said that specific amount of the money allocated towards construction of the building will be used to expand parking.

"In reality we would like to do a parking structure, but it is terribly expensive to do those so we would probably have to scale that back and just include more surface parking," said Metke.

Essentially, although this building may not solve some of the current parking issues, all indications are that it

will not further them either.

Besides parking, another change that the campus will experience is a shift in location of programs and classes. With the new nursing building able to house all health science related programs within its six-story frame, space in the buildings which currently house those programs would become available to be used in new ways.

The primary changes will be found in Pirtle Technology Center and spaced on the West Campus.

Dr. Metke noted that before new classes were moved into these buildings, they would have to be renovated.

"Those buildings will have to be re-purposed and renovated, which will probably cost around \$8 to \$10 million," said. "But that would allow for

**"I'm scared that it's going to make parking even more of an issue than it already is."**

Thomas Boroughs  
Freshman, Tyler Junior College



## TJC alumnus directs Literacy Council in Tyler

Carol Scott  
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College alumna makes a difference in the community and in many people's lives in Tyler, Texas.

"Tyler Junior College is where I learned that I loved to learn," said alumna Nancy Crawford, executive director of the Literacy Council of Tyler.

When it came to education, Crawford felt out of sync until she attended TJC from 1971 to 1973. She processed information differently, but in those days they didn't commonly diagnose learning disabilities. In first grade, she wrote her name backwards — perfectly. A very good first grade teacher helped her get over that.

"Nancy enjoyed learning and was eager to experience new ideas," said Waldrop. "She came with real possibilities and then developed from there. She has done exceedingly well."

After TJC, Crawford graduated from Stephen F. Austin with a bachelor's degree. Then she taught

performance and their parents' literacy level," said Crawford. "I read to my second graders every day. I could hardly wait to read to my own children."

In 1990, she began working with the Tyler Adult Learning Center, the precursor to the Literacy Council. They had many people wanting to get a GED, but they were poor readers and couldn't participate in the GED instruction. Crawford was hired to work with the lower-level students.

At the end of her first year, Crawford had six tutors and 30 students. Every year they added more and more. In the early '90s, the organization became the Literacy Council of Tyler.

The Literacy Council had a couple of different part-time executive directors who quit after short terms. Each time they lost an executive director the board asked Crawford if she was interested in the position, and she wasn't. She just wanted to work with the students.

The third executive director was very good, but when she left, Crawford was afraid of working under someone else. When the board once again asked her to become the executive director, Crawford decided to give it a try.

"From '96 to '98, I regularly called [the previous director] and asked her if she'd come back," said Crawford. "And she would say, 'no, you're doing fine.' But I finally got to where I liked it."

Crawford missed working directly with the students, but she still encouraged them.

"She uplifts your spirit," said Stephanie Pellegalle, a current student at TJC and one of many Literacy Council success stories. "I would recommend the Literacy Council ... They must be angels."

Pellegalle says the Literacy Council would help anyone who, like her, didn't get a diploma or is returning to school after any length of time.

Over the years, the Literacy Council has had a lot of help from the community of Tyler and charitable organizations such as PATH, The Salvation Army, and Goodwill Industries. These



Photos by Carol Scott

**LITERACY AT ITS BEST** Above: Director of the Literacy Council Nancy Crawford makes time to smile outside of her office for a photo. Below: Phyllis Crawford teaching a class at the Literacy Council in Tyler located at TJC's west campus.



**"Tyler Junior College is where I learned that I loved to learn."**

-Nancy Crawford  
Director of the Literacy Council of Tyler

second and fourth grade in Tyler. During the time she taught second grade she began to understand the importance of the parents' participation in a child's education. When parents didn't show up at teacher conferences or PTA meetings she decided to visit students' homes.

Despite warnings from other teachers of the dangers, she learned a lot about her kids during home visits. Often their parents didn't have a phone, a car and didn't speak English. Their non-participation wasn't because they didn't care about their kids. It was because of life circumstances.

"I realized the connection between the kids'

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campus SCENE

## "Really?"

*"Whatcha' gonna do with all that DUCK, all that DUCK inside that trunk?"*



Photo by Crystal Jaquez

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## Students prepare for their graduation and the future

Stephen Traylor  
Staff Writer

The time for graduation has come around and for some Tyler Junior College students the questions are: "What do I do?" and "What's next?"

"Going to school at TJC has allowed me to meet a ton of new people and has taught me to accept other people's ways of thinking," said Christin Larry, a 19-year-old sophomore studying business administration.

Larry plans on transferring to the University of Texas at Dallas to receive her bachelor's degree.

"I expect to learn more about business, especially since I got all of my basic classes out of the way," she said.

Daiston Thomas, a 20-year-old sophomore majoring in kinesiology, said her experience at TJC was great. "Me being from here, I got to meet new and old people. When it comes to the last semester in school, as a student you must stay focused and keep following your dreams."

Thomas said that he plans on seeing bigger and better things once he transfers to University of Texas at Arlington and gets back to playing football.

Sophomore Kiara Williamson, 21, a criminal justice major, will be transferring to the University of Houston and looking for ways to pay for college.

"I chose the University of Houston because it has a great law program, the school and area are beautiful and the school credit is good," said Williamson.

Applying for college and scholarships has been the main thing that Williamson has been focused on. Williamson said she will be living off campus so getting a job will be necessary, because financial aid can only do so much.

"The one thing that all students, especially graduating students should do is put their school and morals first, stay focused, and then you can have fun later," Williamson said.

Seth Clark, academic advisor, 31, said students must follow certain steps in order to graduate.

"If a student is graduating they would need to talk to an academic adviser so that we

can look at their degree plan," said Clark.

"Once we look over their degree plan, then we would make out a check list to see if the student has completed all of the classes needed for their degree."

The basic things that a student needs to have done before they are able to transfer or graduate is to be Texas Status Initiative complete, meaning, they are ready for all college course work.

Students need to have completed at least 25 percent of the degree plan they are taking, have a GPA of 2.0 or better and complete other degree requirements. Once all that has taken place, the student will have to fill out a form to apply for graduation.

Students graduating in the spring must ap-

**"If a student is graduating they would need to talk to an academic advisor so that we can look at their degree plan."**

-Seth Clark  
Academic Advisor at TJC

ply by April 2 and pay all fees for their cap and gown and any outstanding tuition and fees.

"I would advise students to come talk to an advisor every semester so they can make sure they stay on track with their school work," said Clark.

Clark explained that students are not required to finish all degree plan classes in order to transfer, but that it gives the student a sense of accomplishment, if they do so. It also gives them an upper hand when it comes to jobs because it shows the employer that the student can complete objectives.

"If you are interested in a certain school, go ahead a visit the school first and see if you will be comfortable in that field," said Clark.

If the setting of the school doesn't fit the student's needs, it could affect the learning capability of the student, he said.

For more information about graduating, send email to [scla@tjc.edu](mailto:scla@tjc.edu) or call Seth Clark at 903-510-2425.



## EAST TEXAS BOMBS THE SKATING RINK



Photos by Matthew Crawford

**EAST TEXAS BOMBERS** Above: Opposing teams give each other re-assuring high-fives before the game. Top Right: The Bombers in action. Bottom Right: Roller Derby girls prove that even women can get down and dirty too.



## Unique sport has East Texans cheering

By Matthew Crawford  
Staff Writer

Quad skates blazing, shoulder checks to the chest, and crashing bodies into the hard rink is how the East Texas Bombers roller derby team has started its season.

The Bombers play Roller Derby at Skateland USA in Jacksonville, Texas, the only skating rink in East Texas Big enough to house the games, or bouts as they are called. The team travels as far as north of Little Rock, Ark. for away games.

Roller Derby is a technical sport and, like all sports, has many rules and penalties. "You have five people on the track at the same time. Four people are in the pack, those are your blockers. One person is your jammer and they have to wear a

star on their helmet. They're the ones who score points. Get your jammer through the pack; so basically your jammer is the ball," explained Amber Ramsour, Homoci-Doll, the team leader of the Bombers.

The jammer has to complete one lap through the blockers before they can score points, and each blocker they pass within their second lap is one point, Ramsour said.

While the game is as rough as a hockey match there are ways to get put in the penalty box for at least two minutes. Players are not allowed to hit the extremities, use anything below the elbow, hit from the back, or intentionally trip other players, but everything else goes.

With hip and shoulder checking, these girls take each other

down with persistent ferocity. One player falling down often takes one to three other girls down with her, surely making them grateful for the knee pads that they are required to wear.

Before the bout the referee makes sure to check all the girls gear on each team to make insure that it is secure and tightly fastened.

The rink in Jacksonville is illuminated by multi-colored Christmas lights around the ceiling and alternative music thunders throughout the bouts. An entertaining announcer talks

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## 2012 P3 STUDENT COLLOQUIUM: SCI-FI AND FANTASY

Come join students from UT Tyler, UT Dallas, TJC, and more in exploring the various ways Sci-Fi & Fantasy affect our majors, our hobbies, and our lives.

WHEN? Saturday April 14th @ 11:00 am  
WHERE? The UC Theatre

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**DREW KARPYSHYN**

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## Lead writer of the 'Mass Effect' series to speak at UT-Tyler

By Caitie Phillips  
Verve Editor

From light-sabers and wookiees to galaxy travel and reapers, The University of Texas at Tyler will have it all at the Sci-Fi and Fantasy Colloquium they are hosting on April 14th.

Hosting the event is senior Michael Hale who is majoring in English at UT-Tyler.

This is the 2nd Annual Colloquium that UT-Tyler is hosting, last year's main topic was Animation Across Cultures, but when choosing this year's theme Hale wanted a topic that would be more "broadly attractive" which is how he came up with this year's theme, science fiction.

"The whole point of the project...is students having space to present their own material, whether it's a Q&A, or a discussion panel, or a presentation, or a Power Point, or art, or whatever it's pretty much up to their imagination with whatever they want to do with any time that they get," said Hale.

This year's presentations include "an adjunct professor wants to talk about science fiction and how it involves children, I [Hale] want to talk about science fiction and how it effects how we interpret what our view of humanity is, and someone is doing a video game project on art," said Hale.

The guest speaker for this year's event is Drew Karpshyn, who is a lead writer in the video game industry. Karpshyn was the lead writer on best-selling video games such as "Star Wars" and the "Mass Effect" series.

Karpshyn will be talking about "different aspects of writing, his perspective in this kind of the business community, what it's like as a writer, you know things like that" as well as engaging in open dialogue with students in a Q&A sort of atmosphere.

Hale expects at least 150 attendees but hopes for more around 200, "it would be great to see students from TJC come", said Hale.

The Colloquium will be held April 14th from 11 a.m. - 6p.m. at the University Theater at UT-Tyler. Karpshyn will speak for around 90 minutes beginning at 11. Following Karpshyn's remarks there will be a brief break for lunch, food will be provided, and student presentations will begin after lunch and conclude around 3. The event is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

More information can be found online at the event's Facebook page or by contacting Hale at 713-689-8482 or at michaelrhale1984@gmail.com.

## MOVIE REVIEW

## Finally a series we can agree on

By Taylor Griffin  
Managing Editor

In a culture where series and their rivals overtake the box office and pre-teen bookshelves, one in particular has managed to captivate more than just a single shallow demographic. The world-wide phenomenon, "The Hunger Games," that set the world on fire—no pun intended—was finally released on film to an awaiting and ever-growing fan base on March 23.

In the post-apocalyptic dystopia of Panem, basically what is left of a futuristic North America after cataclysmic years of war, its "glorious" city, the Capitol, seeks to punish its citizens for rebelling against the government. This yearly event, known as the "Reaping," chooses one boy and one girl against

their will between the ages of 12 and 18 from each of the nation's twelve districts to participate in the Hunger Games. The games consist of 24 "Tributes" who must then train in order to survive the harsh wilderness and attacks they face all while trying to kill each other to the finish.

The actual plot follows Katniss Everdeen, a girl who volunteers herself as Tribute to save her sister, and her journey, which along the way reveals how truly corrupted and sick the society is.

Sounds delightful, right? Somehow, it makes for an impeccable story line that permanently keeps the audience on edge. I also want to apologize for that

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lengthy plot synopsis to all the readers who know the story already.

Coming from a back-seat fan of the series—or at least the first book that I’ve read so far—I already had my vision of how the movie should play out, naturally, and it turned out to be so much more than I anticipated. I was actually really impressed by how much it respected the book and its dialogue.

I haven’t gotten around to finishing the Harry Potter series, but I’ve heard “The Hunger Games” follows its origin

As much as I enjoyed it, there were a few parts that I felt were less than stellar. The flaming clothing—while a crucial plot point—was down-right cheesy. In addition, I feel like too much was revealed in the trailer because the pivotal moment when Katniss steps in as Tribute is anti-climatic at best.

The story also braids a love story between Lawrence’s character, Katniss, and Hutcherson’s persona, Peeta. It’s a great addition to the plot but is not overly beaten to death like many fan flicks tend to do.

Now I want to go into

“Subtle hints of the dangers of technological brain-wash and reality TV garbage also accompany the laundry list of themes.”

-Taylor Griffin  
Managing Editor, The Apache Pow Wow

more closely—which to any book-to-film buff like myself is a huge tip-off. I can so see this series of movies challenging the likes of “Twilight.”

The director, Gary Ross, whose name is plastered on such projects as “Big” and “Seabiscuit,” expertly gave the book justice. The scene that shows the very start of the games was perfectly executed and still haunts me as much as it did when I read it. While it was much more vivid in my mind, there certainly is nothing more visceral than actually watching it real-time.

The acting was top-notch as well, with an impressive bill that included Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, and Liam Hemsworth as the main younger characters. I really hope this movie will win some kind of recognition for the talented makeup and costume teams, seeing as though Stanley Tucci and Elizabeth Banks went almost unrecognized with their futuristic getups.

something a little touchier: the themes of the story. It touches on the possibility of a government tyranny and the “big brother” effect. Identity is also a major aspect that contributes to the story, seeing as though the whole point of the Hunger Games is to strip the Tributes of all emotional attachment. Subtle hints of the dangers of technological brainwash and reality TV garbage also accompany the laundry list of themes.

I know I’ve been pretty generous on my chips the past few issues, but I can’t help this one. “The Hunger Games” deserves a four and a half out of five chips simply because I was impressed with the risks it took to keep it authentic to the novel. I think what makes it such a powerful message is that it’s a story that interests everyone, and the series itself is one we can all agree on.



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throughout the game explaining the rules and making continuous comments and cracks to keep the crowd in tune with what’s going.

The best seats in the house by far are the suicide seats which are on the rink floor itself. Bodies crash on to the rink floor right in front of the cheering spectators, who need to hold tight to their drinks and snacks.

The East Texas Bombers are personally funded and partially funded by local businesses. Each member has their own unique job and life but spends time and money of their own to play the game. They are firefighters, nurses, and even tattoo artists, but in the rink they are all teammates supporting the game that they love.

“I love to skate. I was a figure skater in

the eighties, this is a lot more fun,” said Angel Sherman, aka Dottie Van Damage.

Ramsour said, “I just love being around the girls.”

Skill is definitely involved in this aggressive sport that involves much more than just knocking opponents to the ground.

“I just like to skate, that’s the basis of roller derby, skating,” Allison Preston aka Alli-Get-Her said. “If you don’t have skate skills, you’re not going to do very well in the bouts, you can’t learn strategy if you’re concentrating on keeping your balance.”

For tickets, souvenirs, events dates, and locations visit easttexasbombers.com

Photo by Yliana Crawford

**NOTHING SHORT OF A CONTACT SPORT:** Left: members of different roller derby teams can be seen battling for position on the rink. These girls are no strangers to hitting the ground, and a vast amount of roller derby revolves around full physical contact.

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organizations want to help in emergency situations and then they want people to get the skills they need to improve their circumstances.

“We see ourselves as the organization that can help these other organizations help their clients,” said Crawford.

Last year the Literacy Council served 2,381 people with 360 tutors, and a staff of 48.

“TJC saw an opportunity as we began to develop to strengthen us, and then our job is to get students ready for them.”

-Nancy Crawford  
Executive Director, The Literacy Council of Tyler

TJC West campus let the Literacy Council use their facilities for offices and classrooms free of charge. In return, TJC has reaped the ben-

efits.

“TJC saw an opportunity as we began to develop to strengthen us, and then our job is to get students ready for them,” said Crawford.

With help, students can discover their own love of learning at TJC.

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being in the right place at the right time,” Dr. Rogers said.

Both of these artists are excited for their big days and are coping with their excite-

“It’s exciting and it’s kind of mixed feelings...I mean, here is the picture and it list hings that I have done, which I have been very fortunate to do”

-Dr Cheryl Rogers  
Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, TJC

with it. I would have to consult with my family because there the support that keep me going.”

“It’s exciting and it’s kind of mixed feelings,” Dr. Rogers said. “I

ment in different ways.

“I am really just happy to be a finalist, so I really just don’t even let myself go there,” White said. “In the event that I were to win this award it would quite frankly probably blow my mind and I wouldn’t even have a clue what I would do

mean here is this picture and it list things that I have done, which I have been very fortunate to do,” Dr.Rogers said. “Some other part just says ‘oh, this is fun let’s just have a big celebration and put the focus on the arts’ because in some cases the arts are being taken out of schools.”

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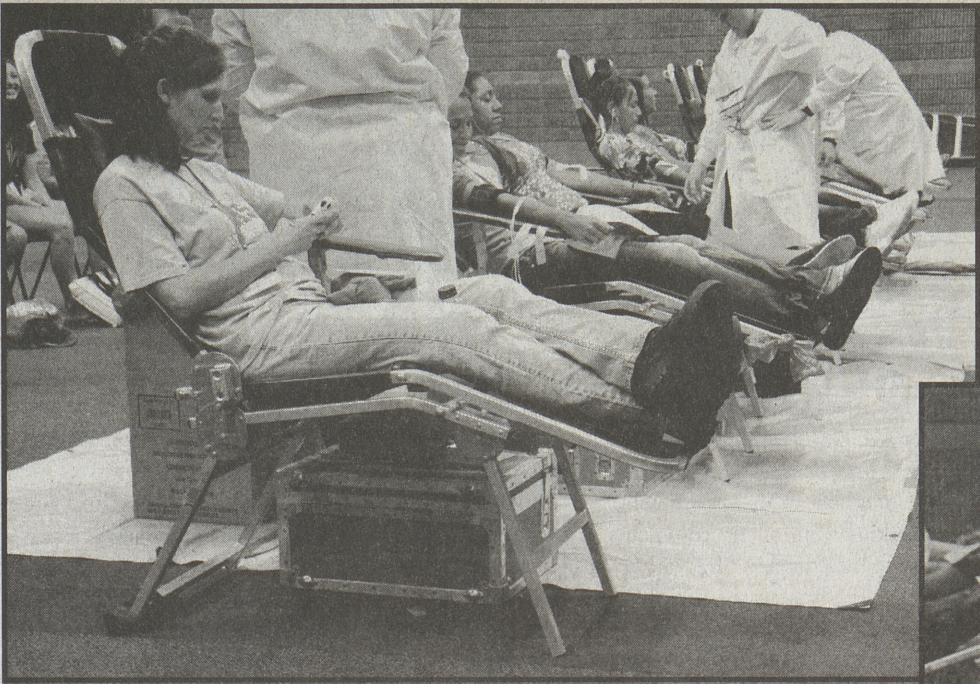
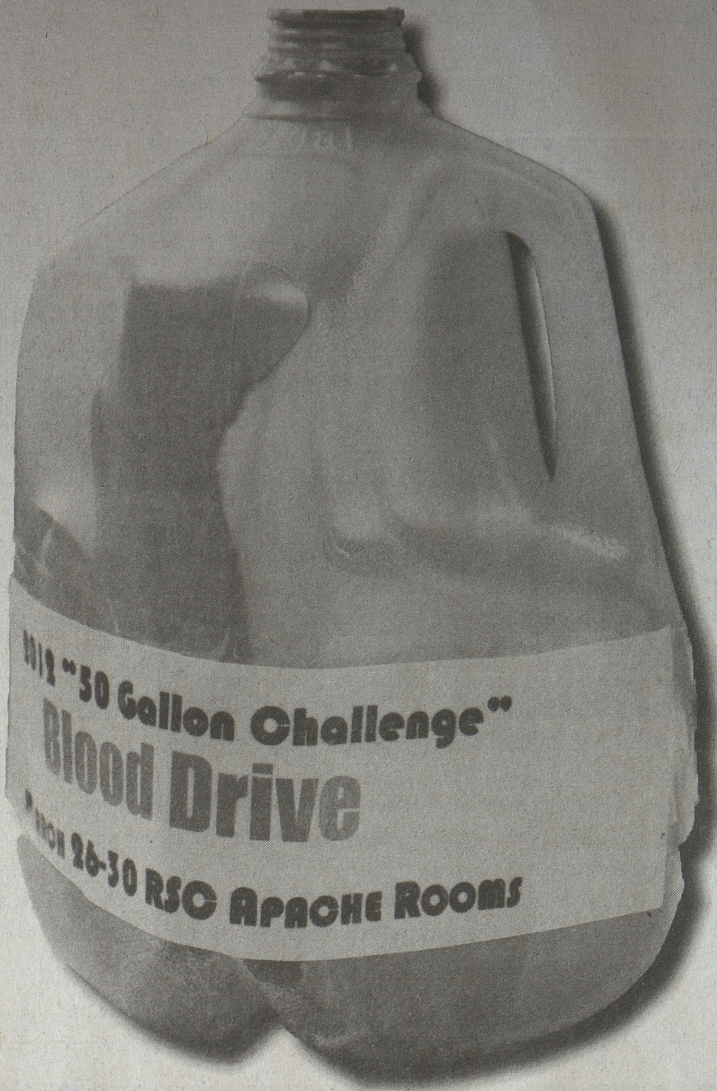
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# 2012 "50 GALLON CHALLENGE" BLOOD DRIVE



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**A SMALL DROP MAKES A BIG CLOUD:** Here students are seen donating blood to help Carter Blood Care reach their ultimate goal of reaching 50 gallons of blood to help those in need.



**Carter  
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## COSTA RICA

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Students who would like to go but cannot afford the total cost of the trip can apply for a scholarship. TJC students receive scholarship funds from SSFAC, and UT-Tyler also provides scholarships for its students as well.

"We actually got five scholarships from SSFAC," said Hays, "They awarded us \$5,000."

UT-Tyler matches the amount of funds TJC is given in scholarships, and Brooke Sadler, a student at UT-Tyler, is the recipient of a scholarship from her school.

"I got a scholarship to go and I am so grateful and so excited to go," Said Sadler.

The total cost of the trip came to \$2,060 this year and that includes nearly everything for the trip except any extra gratuity or money for souvenirs.

If anyone has any questions or would like to attend next years' trip contact John Hays at 903-510-2457 or email him to jhay@tjc.edu.

## BASKETBALL

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my post and overall game."

Sophomore Abdi Nur from Georgia has played against NBA players Derrick Favors and Chris Singleton. Even though he may not be in the league, Nur chose to improve athletically before moving forward.

"I came to TJC to improve as a player and I can see a change in my back-to-basket post-moves and my mental toughness," Nur said

Nur first met with Marquis after a pickup game in front of multiple coaches. Marquis was left impressed by Nur's talent. He was the first coach to have met with Nur who afterwards received offers from small DI universities such as Duquesne University and Alabama A&M.

"I got offers from other DI schools, but I knew I needed time to develop as a player, and playing here has done that for me," Nur said.

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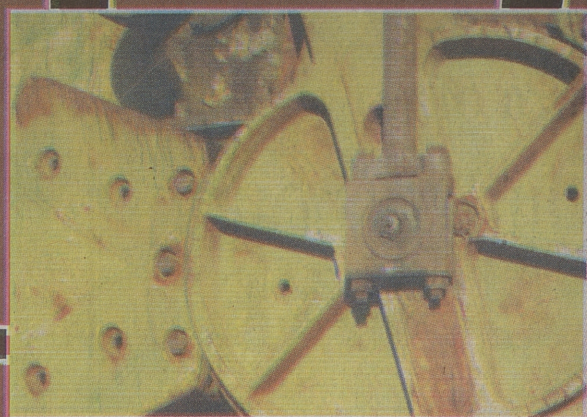
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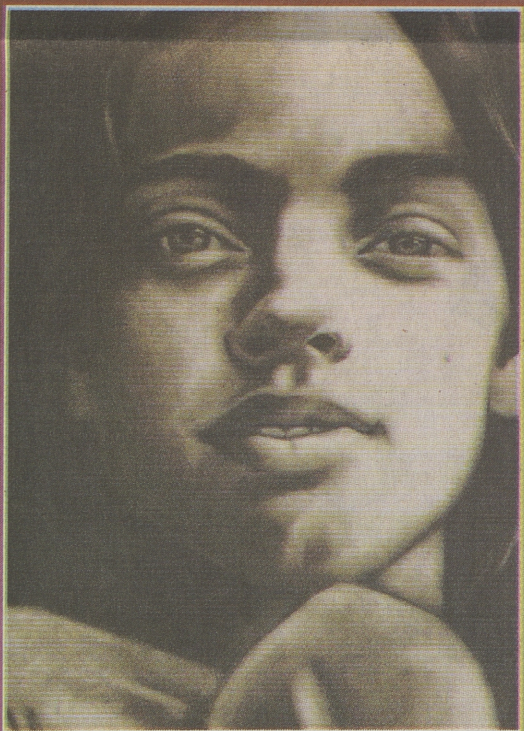


"OLD DERRICK"  
BY MORGAN BILLMAN

**AN ANNUAL TRADITION:** Every spring semester Tyler Junior College publishes its anticipated "Bell Tower" magazine of the arts featuring photography, paintings, drawings, and even literature composed and submitted by TJC students. This year's Bell Tower was just recently released and can be found at many different locations around campus next to the Apache Pow-Wow distribution boxes.



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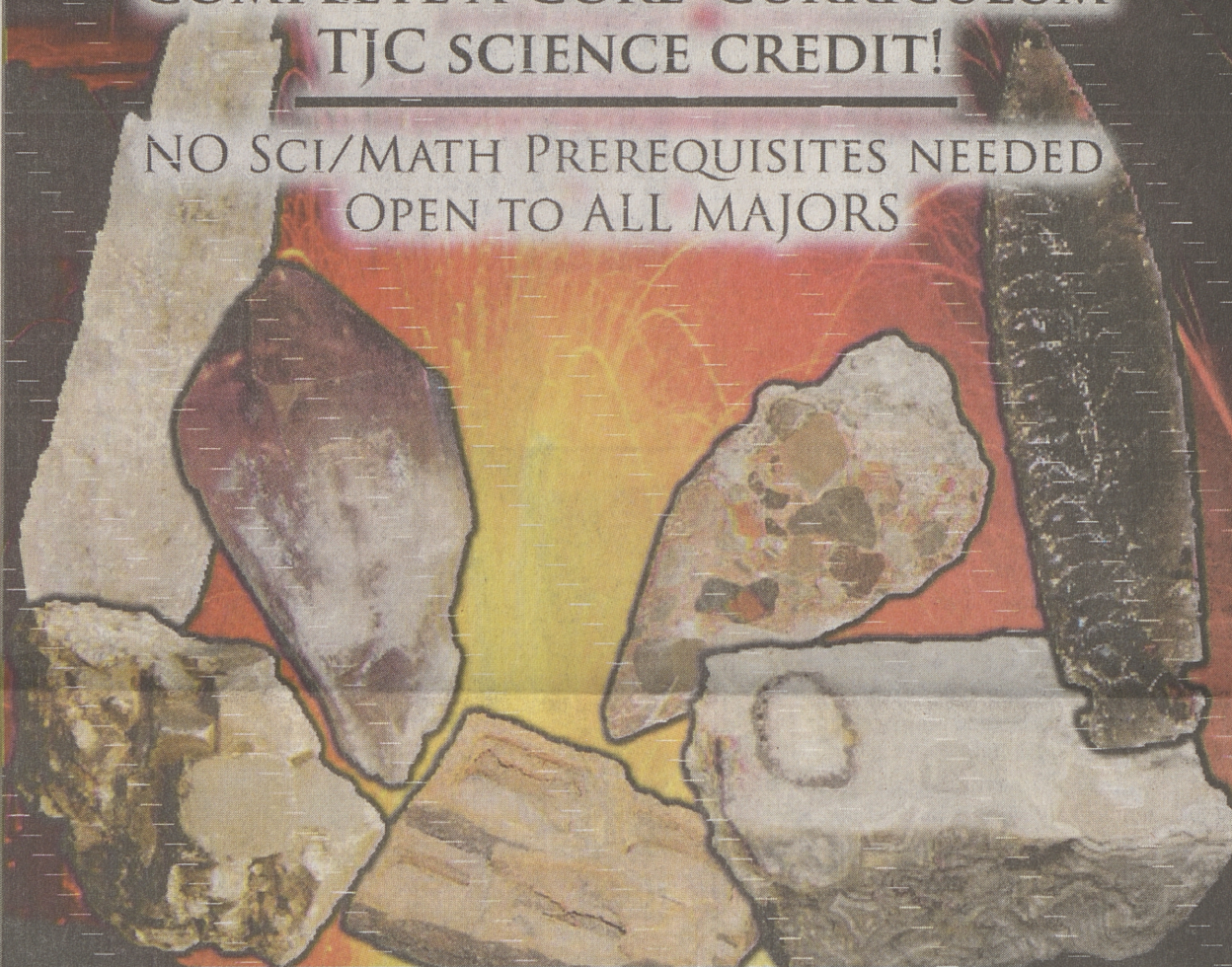
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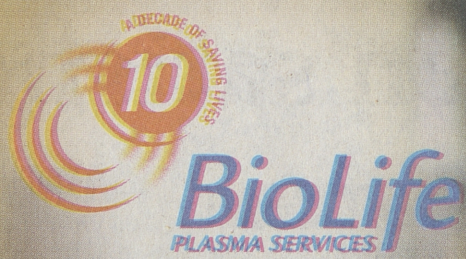
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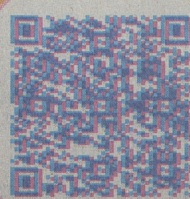


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## Era of no morals Out-of-bounds

By Yliana Crawford  
Sports Editor

Being a person that has competed athletically most of her life, I would like to believe that I've trained under a fair share of diverse head coaches and coaching techniques. When I reflect on my experiences with each team, I tend to look back on the coaches' chemistry with athletes and how they dealt with certain situations rather than the team's record. Did they make me feel like I was a vital part of the team, or was the starting line up based on the athletes' financial income? Did they handle losses in a mature manner or give the team a bad name by arguing with referees? Most importantly, did they enforce moral values from athletes when they were representing the team?

We live in a society where a brawl between teams after a game receives more media coverage than the game itself. The incident, of course, was instigated not by an athlete but by a head coach. What happened to sportsmanship? Instead of being the person that's supposed to lead by example- an ethical example- they stain the team's name by starting disputes that could have easily been avoided. Leave the arguments to fans and their Facebook accounts.

It seems as if press conferences have become an opportunity for coaches to throw tantrums and trash talk teams in their league more often than they discuss the athletes. I find it very idiotic when coaches lose their temper during press conferences because instead of doing the job that they were paid to do, they have to attend even more press conferences in order to be able to clear their name and explain their motive for acting irresponsible. This is time that could have been spent on improving plays, conditioning athletes and overall refining their teams. I use the term "their team" very loosely because at the end of the day, coaches are just ordinary people that happen to work for an athletic corporation. Yes, coaches are necessary to lead a team, but a few just need to realize that just because they have the title of head coach before their name doesn't mean that they're not replaceable. Athletes are the reason coaches have a job. Without players, there are no athletic corporations, coaching staffs, or plays. It seems as if some people tend to lose the sight of that sometimes.

Even though athletic scandals often occur, I find it ridiculous when it involves a coach or in most cases, various members of the coaching staff. Bounds bounty scandals and bribery allegations speak very little on the integrity of some professional teams and their staff. How can coaches refer themselves skilled professionals when they pay officials to favor their team or even worse, offering money to athletes when they injure opposing players? Sean Payton is considering appealing his year-long suspension the N.F.L. has punished him with after gaining knowledge of the New Orleans Saints bounds bounty program. First of all, I think that it would be very irresponsible of him if he decides to appeal the league's decision. They obviously want to make an example of the Saint's scandal and I don't blame them. This program that rewarded athletes after inflicting game-ending injuries to competition makes me question the Saints' win against the Colts in Super Bowl 2010. Needless to say, Payton and the Saints' coaching staff will be in need of plenty of positive publicity in order to get back in good graces with the National Football League.

In a perfect world, all coaches would conduct themselves ethically and practice perfect sportsmanship. The truth is, people competing for the same goal will do anything in their power to come out victorious. While some teams rely on late night practices in order to gain skill, others take the easy road and cheat their way to the top. Whatever tactic coaches chose to lead their team by is the way that they'll be viewed in the public eye. Scandals make headlines but a clean slate keep coaches employed.

## Basketball program moves forward

### BASKETBALL

By Ani Umana  
Staff Writer

An ongoing investigation is in process after an incident broke out following a game at the Region XIV Basketball Tournament March 9.

The Tyler Junior College - Lamar State-PA basketball game did not end the way coaches on either team wanted, but with failures would give both teams a learning experience.

The intensity started thirty minutes before the game as the players warmed up with a focused look on their faces knowing that match would be a win or go home type game. As starters on both sides got ready for tip off, they meet half court face to face with the glare to ensure the opponent that the competition would be a 40 minute battle.

After TJC came short by four points to a win, Lamar State's Head Coach Matt Cross made his way to TJC's bench and

confronted Head Coach Mike Marquis. A TJC player reacted to the confrontation by aggressively shoving Cross away. Lamar State player, Lakeem Duncan tried retaliated by picking up a metal chair from the sideline. Lamar State's team manager struggled to retrieve the chair from Duncan's possession but succeeded. She broke her hand in the process.

The event was unfortunate but TJC Head Coach Mike Marquis was not surprised of the outcome due to the previous matchup the teams had before the Region XIV tournament. Previous games entailed arguments from both teams.

"It goes back to the Saturday before the tournament in which it was a highly contested game such as the recent one we played with them," Marquis said. "The conference tournament has a lot on the line and during this time players play with a lot of emotion. Unfortunately, emotion got the best of the players this time."

TJC Chief Director of Campus Safety Randy Melton believed that if Lamar State's

team manager hadn't retrieved the chair from Duncan's possession, a more serious outcome would have occurred.

"I got a call from the other security in the gym of the incident and thankfully we had three other officers in the gym," Melton said. "It was really unfortunate that the trainer fractured her hand, but if she didn't put her hand between the chair, multiple people may have gotten hurt."

Marquis is taking the situation as a learning experience and believes the team can only grow from what happened and keep moving along.

"I'm just going to worry about what goes on with our team, and that's it," Marquis said. "The main question is if anyone learned from this and we have taken a lot out of this that will better prepare us if a situation like this happens again."

Lamar State's Athletic Director Scott Street chose not comment on the situation since it's still an ongoing investigation. However, he shared that the team manager's recovery was going well.



Photo by: Adam Peterson

**NO 1 IN TEAM:** Tyler Junior College Men's basketball team shows team unity before a match.

## Wren satisfied with record

### BASEBALL

By Martin Rodriguez  
Staff Writer

Throughout a season, teams will find it difficult to stay on top of the competition as they try and achieve a championship. The TJC baseball team has had many successful seasons in the past and is on track for another one.

"We're off to a good start, I can't complain about that," said Head Baseball Coach Doug Wren.

With a record of 22-8 at about the midpoint of the season, the Apaches look to continue this strong run come May when it's playoff time.

"Hopefully we can push some momen-

tum going into postseason stuff here," said Coach Wren.

This will be important to the Apaches as they look to win their first national championship since 2007.

The team looks to be in good shape this season with the ability of their offense to score runs and the ability of the pitching staff to hold other teams to scoring low.

The Apache hitters have combined to have .289 batting average this season.

"I feel like I've improved on being a better baseball player this year," said sophomore right fielder Taylor Drolette, who is batting .333 with 1 HR and 7 RBI's.

The pitching staff also seems to have found a nice rhythm as they have shut teams out five times this season.

Sophomore catcher/pitcher Blaine Ha-

shagen who leads the team with a 0.00 ERA in 8.1 innings pitched, is one of the powerhouses on the pitching staff.

"Right now we're winning, so I don't feel like we should change too much," said Hashagen.

Even with all the success they are having this season, there is always room for improvement.

On defense, the Apaches have committed 23 errors to give them a team fielding percentage of .968.

"We're trying to find a consist balance of guys that we can count on," Coach Wren said. "By finding the right balance would mean that the players would have to be put into real game type situations. We're finding some roles for some guys," said Coach Wren.

### Tennis

March 30, 10:00 am @ Temple College

March 31, 12:30 am @ Collin Country CC (Men)

April 5, 3:00 pm @ Seminole State College

### Men's Golf

April 2-3 Texas State Championship- Split Rail G.C. @ Aledo, TX

April 16- Region XIV Tournament- Sugar Tree G.C. @ Dennis, TX

### Women's Golf

April 9-10 LeTourneau University - Pinecrest C.C. @ Longview, TX

April 9-10 Region XIV Tournament - Pinecrest C.C. @ Longview, TX

### Baseball

April 2, 1 pm, vs Richland College (DH)

April 4, 7 pm vs Texas College

April 7, 1 pm vs Dallas Christian (DH)

# Sports CALENDAR

UPCOMING TJC ATHLETICS: FEBRUARY 2012

**GO APACHES!**

Men's Basketball: Mike Marquis

Women's Basketball: Trenia Jones

Tennis: Dash Connell

Golf: Sandy Terry

Baseball: Doug Wren



# Tyler Tennis and Swim keeps close ties with TJC

## TENNIS

By Christopher Gray  
Staff Writer

One graduate and one current student of the Tyler Junior College Professional Tennis Management Program are among the staff at one of the area's more popular tennis clubs.

The TJC program, which started in 1974 and was the first of its kind, offers both a two-year Associates of Applied Sciences degree and a one-year Certificate of Proficiency, graduates 8-10 students per year.

"The main reason I am where I am now is through my connections with the program at TJC," said Chris Singer, who graduated from the program in 2008 and is now the Club Manager/Director of Tennis at Tyler Tennis and Swim. "And I would not have done it any other way."

Jonathan Becker, an assistant tennis professional at the club, is currently enrolled in the program, and is on track to earn the Certificate of Proficiency in May.

"Even though I already have my professional certification," said Becker, "TJC is nationally known for its tennis and having [graduated] from their Tennis Tech program looks really good on your resume."

The TJC tennis programs are unique in that they teach more than just how to play tennis.

"My basic goal is to teach students how to teach tennis, the mental and physical part of it and all the different strokes,"



Photo by Christopher Gray

**KEY POINTS OF INSTRUCTION:** Director of Tennis, Chris Singer, leads drill exercises at Tyler Tennis and Swim

said Kimm Ketelsen, TJC Tennis Program Director. "We also have introductory courses in business management, how to run leagues, tournaments, events and clubs."

To become certified as a "pro" by The United States Professional Tennis Association, a person has to go complete a grueling process.

"You have to go through a course, a skills test, and a drills test," said Becker. "It's a pretty strict system, and it's not exactly easy to pass."

Becker is in the process of working his way up the ranks, and was a protégé of Singer's as a youth.

"Jonathan is very unique in that he was one of my students before he went to the TJC program," said Singer. "And now he's working for me as a pro."

The two still have occasional interactions with the TJC Tennis Program.

"Every year in November we do The TJC and Tyler Tennis and Swim Collegiate Playday," said Becker. "Members bring turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. It's basically like a Thanksgiving feast. We eat, have fun, and the club members play tennis with the team members."

Both men are strong advocates and have fond memories of the TJC Tennis Program.

"[The program] teaches us how to teach. We learn nutrition, and motor learning, to help kids remember what they have learned," said Becker. "And it's important in many ways- knowledge, life, and tennis."

Singer echoed similar sentiments.

"I would absolutely recommend the TJC program to others," said Singer. "All of my pros, except for one, came from that program, so I very much support it."

For more information on the Tennis Management Program at TJC, please go to [www.apacheathletics.com](http://www.apacheathletics.com).

For more information about Tyler Tennis and Swim please go to [www.tylertsc.com](http://www.tylertsc.com).

# Head coach Mike Marquis seeking new talented recruits

## BASKETBALL

By Ani Umana  
Staff Writer

Recruiting for the Tyler Junior College Men's Team is a process that is not an easy, one-day decision.

Head Coach Mike Marquis views recruiting as ongoing, daily work that can't take a day off.

"I think when you take a day off from recruiting, you're falling behind," Marquis said. "I got former players coaching Division I, high schools, other junior colleges, and other assistants coaching in those levels. It's all about networking and finding a right fit for TJC."

That right fit for TJC, said Marquis, is an athlete who can excel in multiple facets of college life.

"Over here (TJC) we go for someone who is willing to get better in the classroom, citizenship, and basketball," Marquis said. "If they follow in those categories, it is a right fit for us, but it doesn't hurt when the player can contribute on the court and

is talented."

Having coached for 25 years, Marquis is familiar with the recruiting process and has gone through recruiting trips that have taken him to areas even outside the country.

"I traveled to Antigua (Guatemala), Mirtle Beach in South Carolina to and back in two days, Iowa, and California," Marquis said. "There are a selective type of players we search for so we have had to do more traveling."

Freshman Daniel Edozie from Compton, Cali. was recruited from Centennial High School. Edozie had several small to mid-major DI offers coming out of high school and even Big 12 Conference University Iowa State. Ultimately, he chose to go to TJC to develop his game.

"Well, the recruiting was all over the place with colleges. I thought I would sign somewhere but they would turn me down, or I would turn down colleges I at first thought I would sign to," Edozie said. "Although I had other DI schools looking at me, I knew that I wanted to go juco (junior college) so I can develop

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Blake values his university experience, and sees it as a great tool that will prepare him for a future medical career. Thanks to the tight-knit campus life and small, personal classroom experiences, Blake has had the privilege of building relationships with professors and fellow students alike.

Professors like Dr. John Paul Stovak have provided Blake with inspiration in the classroom to pursue his dream of becoming a pediatrician, providing him with valuable guidance and information. Classes like animal biology have also complemented Blake's academic aspirations by challenging him to think critically and perform simple procedures.

Grateful for the foundation A&M-Commerce has provided, Blake is confident that the groundwork he has started here will help him achieve great things in the future.

"I've gotten so much more than just an education here," Blake said. "I love this university."

Major: **Biology and Spanish**

Interests: **rock climbing, getting involved on campus, sports**

Favorite class: **Animal Biology**

Favorite professor: **Dr. John Paul Stovak**

Career goals: **attend medical school and become a pediatrician**

Interesting facts: **Lion Student Ambassador and an orientation worker**



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by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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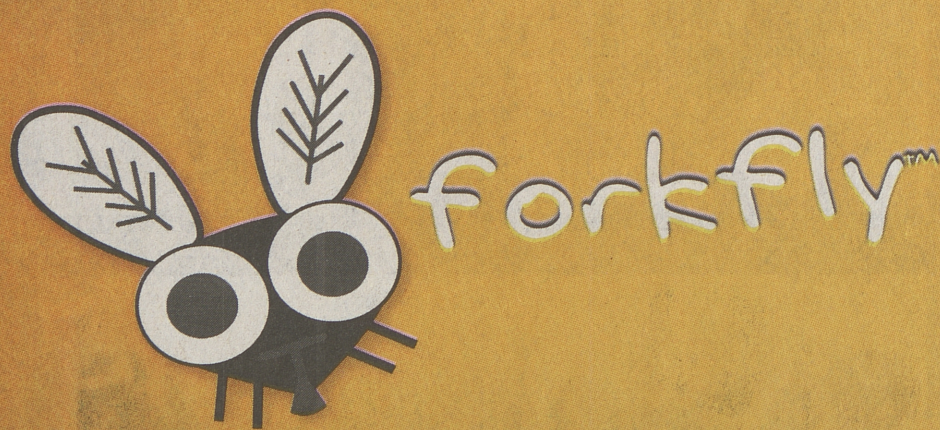
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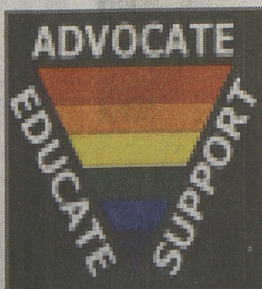
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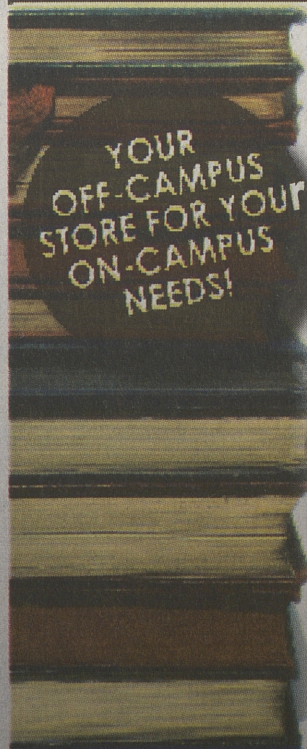


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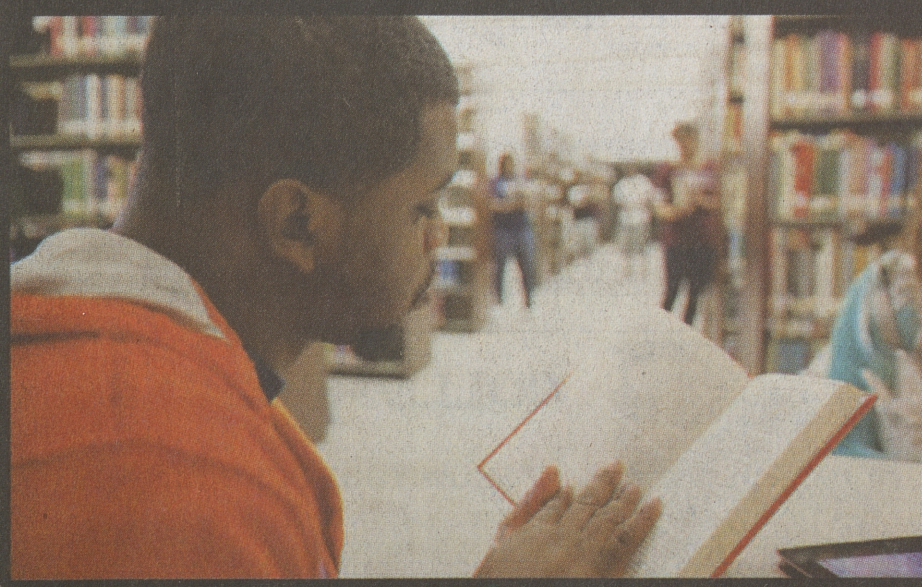
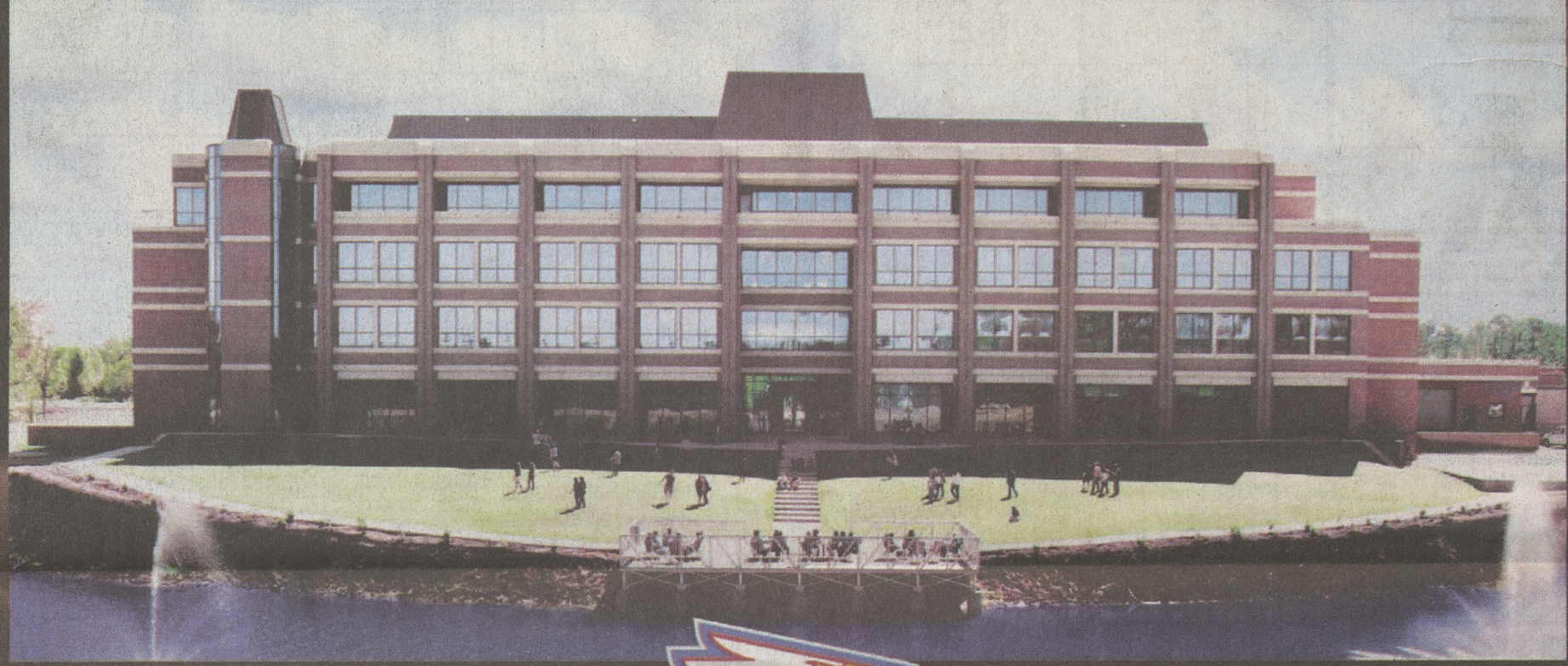
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